

North Smithfield Zoning Board of Review
Special Meeting
April 8, 2013, 6:30 pm
Kendall Dean School
83 Green St., Slatersville, RI

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:44 pm.

1. Roll Call

Present: Chair William Juhr, Steve Scarpelli, Paul Pasquariello, Scott Martin, Vincent Marcantonio. Absent: Mario DiNunzio

2. Disclosure of no compensation or pension credits received by the board members.

3. Approval of minutes, March 26, 2013.

Mr. Marcantonio made a motion to approved the minutes of March 26, 2013. Mr. Scarpelli seconded the motion, with all in favor.

4. Approval of the written decision for the application of Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, for a dimensional variance from section 5.5, subsection 5.5.1, height variance. Locus is North Smithfield to Burrillville Line. Zoning Districts: REA, RA, RS, BN, and M.

The Chair announced that he had received the draft advisory opinion at 5:00 pm, which did not give the Board time to review it before the meeting. The agenda states that the Board will be voting on the written decision, which was not available for the Board to review. He expressed concern that the advisory opinion, which should be based on the written decision, was due to the state siting board by April 10, 2013, which did not give the Board enough time to submit the documents on time. He thanked the applicant for their efforts during the application, but stated that he is not comfortable voting on the advisory opinion, since it is not a decision as was specified on the agenda.

Attorney George Watson and project manager David Beron were present for the applicant. Mr. Watson stated that the Board could perhaps submit the approved minutes, in which the variance approval is recorded, be submitted to the siting board with a cover letter stating that the decision and advisory opinion will be forthcoming.

Mr. Scarpelli made a motion that the Zoning Board members review and comment on the document that had been provided by the assistant solicitor and that it be revised and voted on at the next meeting, April 23, 2013. Mr. Marcantonio seconded the motion, with all in favor.

Mr. Scarpelli made a motion to continue the approval of the written decision for the application of Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid, for a dimensional variance from section 5.5, subsection 5.5.1, height variance. Locus is North Smithfield to Burrillville Line. Zoning Districts: REA, RA, RS, BN, and M until April 23, 2013. Mr. Marcantonio seconded the motion, with all in favor.

Mr. Martin made a motion that the Board send a letter to the Engineering Facility Siting Board to state that the approval of the decision for the variance has been delayed, but with the minutes from March 26, 2013 attached to show that the Board did vote to approve the variance. Mr. Scarpelli seconded the motion, with all in favor.

The next meeting of the Zoning Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 7:00 pm at Primrose Fire Station.

Mr. Martin made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 pm. Mr. Scarpelli seconded the motion, with all in favor.